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We proudly reproduce in part two letters complimentary to OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS: "I want to tell you how much I enjoy and appreciate OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS and look forward with pleasure to receiving every issue." Mrs. Maurice Coleman, West Roxbury, Mass. "I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that Mr. Kindel and I both read the November issue of your little magazine and we think it is excellent. The articles are interesting and the pages are attractive. Congratulations from us both!" Mrs. C. M. Kindel, President Kent County Humane Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

NOTE: In the future *Our Fourfooted Friends* will be published in March, June, September and December, thereby making it possible to give our readers a more complete Annual Report in March and more timely news in the other three editions.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Special gifts for a well-defined purpose within the scope of animal welfare service rendered by the Animal Rescue League is highly commendable. Occasionally, however, either for lack of understanding or misguided by well-meaning friends, legacy donors *handicap* rather than *assist* in the execution of a last Will and Testament.

A case in point is that of an individual who specified the burial of his cherished pet dogs in our Pine Ridge Cemetery, but since the dogs predeceased the owner there was no way of carrying out the intent of the Will. The tragedy is that the legacy, even though small, reverted to the estate instead of benefitting either the testator or the charitable organization.

We want to encourage our many loyal supporters and members who are contemplating a legacy or trust fund for the sole benefit of animals to consult with someone who has a thorough knowledge of the aims and purposes of the League before agreeing to specific terms of a Will. Recently the League was bequeathed $1,000, the entire fund to be spent "for the care and spaying of female cats and kittens." Laudable as this is, we believe the legator would have achieved greater satisfaction in the knowledge that the special fund would be used for the "welfare and protection of cats" rather than be limited in its benefit to a single purpose.

This League is legally and morally obligated to fulfill the terms of any last Will and Testament and pledges itself to do so until each special fund has been liquidated.

For the guidance of our readers who have special interests, may we suggest the following as conforming with the aims and purposes of our organization:

For the welfare and protection of pet animals

For the purchase and maintenance of suitable mobile units to perform efficiently and properly the services of the League. (Small-Animal Ambulances and Agents' Cars)

For the promotion of Humane Education

For the welfare and protection of livestock, horses and other large animals

For the welfare and protection of wild animals, birds, etc.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

"Gallant Bess" MGM's Wonder Horse, autographs a book as a reminder to the League that she spent the night in a stall especially constructed for her brief stay.

"GALLANT BESS" SLEPT HERE

"BESS," MGM's amazing horse, signed the register at the Animal Rescue League "hotel" the evening of November 5, 1946 and was promptly escorted to a specially prepared stall. She was provided every comfort — hay, grain, water, bedding — and the agents at the League even printed her name on a brand new pail.

Dr. Arthur A. Barry, League Veterinarian, and Animal Agent Albert Morris were in constant attendance day and night while "Bess" was with us.

Early the next morning Joe Atkinson, "Bess's" trainer and owner, arrived to groom her for the various performances scheduled in Boston — a presentation of the key to MGM Studios to Mayor James M. Curley (a reversal of the key presentation idea); a visit to the Children's Hospital; presentation of a check to the President of Northeastern University for its building fund; a broadcast over Station WBZ; and finally a superb demonstration on Boston Common. Before departing from the League, "Bess" was presented with a new blanket and she thanked us most profusely in her own equine manner.

The Animal Rescue League, like all similar organizations in the country, is and always has been vitally interested in the welfare of animals used in the making of motion pictures. "Gallant Bess," the equine movie queen, is a perfect example of how an animal can be trained through KINDNESS, PATIENCE and RIGHT TREATMENT.

Boston Globe Photo

(Above) Animal Agent Albert Morris and Elisabeth Chollar, Social Service Director, welcome "Bess" at League Headquarters.

(Below) "Gallant Bess" and Marshall Thompson, co-stars in the MGM motion picture Gallant Bess.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Let's Make High Achievement Ring True in 1947

PET ANIMALS—Their care, protection and humane disposition is our major function

THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE was founded as a charitable organization on the premise that there were in Boston and surrounding towns and cities literally hundreds of stray, homeless dogs and cats in need of proper and merciful attention.

Mrs. Anna Harris Smith, founder, with a passion for helping the outcast and neglected creatures, was appalled daily by the evergrowing and tragic spectacle of hungry, emaciated and frequently diseased dogs and cats. Not content with her individual efforts as a voluntary agent of mercy, Mrs. Smith established the League in 1899 providing shelter, food and humane disposition for these forlorn creatures. For forty-seven years the same spirit which motivated her has continued until now the League fosters an average of nearly two thousand small animals every week. This large number of dogs and cats, besides a variety of other creatures, must be sheltered — they must receive expert care and food — the lost are reclaimed — others are adopted by new owners, and our Free Animal Clinic ministers to the hundreds of pet animals that are sickly, diseased or disabled.

As we look forward to the 48th year of our existence, it seems fitting that we should have certain very definite objectives. Recognizing in this that our primary function is still the "protection" of domestic animals, especially the vast numbers which would otherwise be homeless, abandoned, neglected and abused, we should make a supreme effort to improve our *Small-Animal Service*. Here, then, are some phases of our far-reaching activities to which we shall dedicate our unstinting efforts:

1. To so improve and manage our Shelter that the pet animals in our care will receive the most humane consideration until their final disposition.

2. To add to our present motorized fleet (small-animal ambulances) so that we shall be able to render prompter and more efficient service. Special attention will be given to a system of 24-hour *Emergency Service* to function with maximum efficiency.

3. A "training school" for ambulance agents will be inaugurated to make our staff most capable, yet imbued with a high degree of humaneness.

4. Our Pet Placement Bureau will be so enlarged that unclaimed or unwanted dogs and cats eligible for new homes will become an outstanding feature.

5. Through education and social service we shall create a community consciousness for proper treatment of all animal life, with emphasis placed upon the licensing of dogs. Fewer strays and unlicensed dogs in Greater Boston will reduce the common complaint that owners allow pets to become neighborhood nuisances.

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OUR 47TH ANNUAL MEETING

On February 11, 1947 the 47th Annual Meeting of the League was held in its headquarters annex, Blanchard Hall, 53 Carver Street, Boston, Massachusetts. It was reported that animals had been cared for during the year totalling 109,408. In the free animal clinic 13,032 animals were ministered to by the three veterinarians and in 4,871 cases advice was given over the telephone. Over three hundred marionette plays were given in local schools by the Humane Education Department. Through this medium 65,000 children were reached with teachings of kindness to every living thing and the proper treatment of animals.

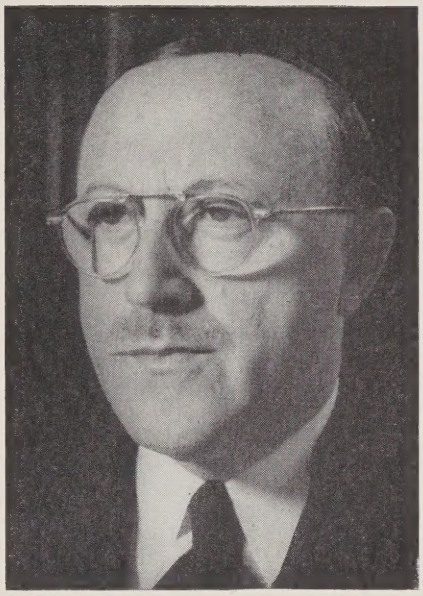
Presentation of Medals

Lincoln Medals for Valor — to John A. Daly, Everett, Mass., who risked his life in the rescue of a Cocker Spaniel dog from a sewer pipe at Dilboy Field, Somerville, and to Thomas Landers in absentia, a bus driver, who rescued a dog that had crashed through the icy water of Bellough's Pond, Newton Center.

Lincoln Medals for Kindness — To John Gorrell and Charles J. McGee, both of Charlestown, two young boys who rescued a dog on Boston Common which was being abused by a group of children not imbued with their fine instincts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In completing 47 years of humane activity, the Animal Rescue League is justifiably proud of its many achievements. Few people realize that a non-profit enterprise such as ours is NOT immune from the cause and effect of a nation's economy that has changed so drastically since the end of the war. A business recession,



Walter J. Dethloff

due to cycles of labor unrest and low productivity, affects our institution adversely as much as it does the nation's general economy. It is in periods like these that we must not falter, but with courage and faith our work for the relief of suffering animals becomes even a greater challenge than under normal circumstances.

As we review the past twelve months, it should be an inspiration to all that the Animal Rescue League has very definitely progressed despite a trend in the opposite direction in some branches of business. Our major problem in 1946 was our inability to replace a pre-war completely worn out fleet of small-animal ambulances. With orders for the collection of unwanted and stray animals averaging 150 daily, the League faced a situation that became extremely acute. Finally after all attempts failed in the purchase of new mobile units, we had one alternative and that was to contract for mobile transportation with the U-Dryvit Auto Rental Company. Although it is somewhat more costly to operate a fleet under contract, we did succeed admirably in maintaining uninterrupted service for the collection of 109,408 animals from homes, streets, the police, and through our branch receiving stations. There is much to be desired for increased efficiency under existing conditions, but the fact remains that we performed a small-animal ambulance service that saved literally thousands of animals from exposure, hunger and cruelty. And, as a consequence, we have not only prevented general neglect and mistreatment of animals, but the 82 towns and cities served by us are the better from the standpoint of public health.

Quarantine Service

Still another factor for the general safety and health of the citizens of Greater Boston is the conscientious and thoroughly reliable service given by our investigator of the Quarantine Department, John Bella. Ably assisted by Miss Marion Caspole, this department was responsible for the temporary confinement and final disposition of over 2,000 cases of dog and cat bites. So diligent has this department been that Greater Boston is one of the few larger metropolitan cities with an unbroken record of FIVE YEARS without a single case of rabies. It is rare to find a government department that could equal our record of efficiency with an outlay of funds amounting to about $5,200 annually.

Pet Placement

Since establishing a Pet Placement Bureau, with Mrs. Gertrude

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Groezinger as Supervisor, the League has many times improved the efficiency of this service. We are placing more pet animals, chiefly dogs and cats, in new homes through a thoughtful and discriminating selection of worthy applicants.

Our Shelter activities in general are vastly improved through a system of departmental responsibility, such as Collection Department Supervisor, Joseph E. Connaughton, Shelter Supervisor, Arthur Foster, and Maintenance Division Supervisor, Albert Morris — all under the Superintendency of John A. Finlayson. From the standpoint of public relations and publicity, the Shelter, where we always have in our custody animals to arouse a sentimental appeal, furnishes most of the widely read stories in the public press.

Inspection Department

The League's Inspection Department, under Archibald MacDonald's supervision, functioned throughout 1946 with an alertness and efficiency that has always characterized this broad field of service. Without attempting to underestimate the value of other departmental service, it is the unbiased conviction of your President that the outstanding animal rescue case during the past 12 months was the prompt, effective and essentially humane procedure in caring for three elephants removed from the Steamship Red Rover by Mr. MacDonald on Christmas Day. So well did "Archie" perform his duty, with the assistance of Mr. Daniel Harkins, Curator of the Franklin Park Zoo, that the three elephants, which were suffering from exposure to cold and inclement weather, were able to continue their trip to New York several days later. As a result of the extremely bad conditions on the boat, which contributed to the sickness and death of nearly 100 monkeys and two elephants en route from Calcutta to New York, the League is sponsoring a move that will improve the conditions and facilities for transporting jungle animals and birds intended for American Zoölogical Gardens. (Be sure to read "UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE" on page 24.)

Livestock Loss Prevention

Another phase of activity of our Inspection Department is the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association. The Animal Rescue League has the unique distinction of being the only agency among 500 affiliated with The American Humane Association that is rendering a service for the reduction of livestock losses that occur from the farm to market on an area basis extending over six states. Through an educational program which augments field service, the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association is making a very perceptible contribution to the economic loss arising from bruising, crippling and deadage of livestock in transit. It is worthy of recognition that the activities of this branch of animal welfare service are practically self-supporting from donations received through a special appeal made annually, and credit for the continuance of the work should be given Miss Marjorie L. Wyman who has been actively identified with this livestock conservation program since its inception in 1936. A citation of service well performed is also due the officers and directors of the association — they serve without compensation and give unstintingly of their time.

Our Free Animal Clinic

Conducted under the splendid and highly devoted efforts of Dr. George W. Mather our Clinic has been, as in previous years, a major service of the League. Sick, injured and improperly cared for pet animals arrive daily during Clinic hours, and it must be said without fear of contradiction that no more expert advice, treatment or prescription is administered anywhere. With the aid of Drs. Hopkins and Barry the League Clinic stands out as the beacon light of animal therapeutic service tempered always with sympathetic as well as scientific treatment for the restoration of health to pets. Owners of the sick animals that come to our Clinic frequently express a feeling of profound appreciation to our Social Service Department about the expert and kindly treatment they receive from our veterinary staff.

Animal Social Service Department

A new service feature has been inaugurated this year — The Animal Social Service Department. It is not an innovation in the sense that an agency such as ours has not heretofore covered this field of activity. The primary purpose of this Department is to supplement education with service activities that make a direct contact with the animal owning public. Children are taught to be kind to their pets through marionette plays and there is ample evidence that the inculcation of humane ideals is proving its effectiveness. However, there is a void in this program; namely, that the parents and grown members in a family receive little or nothing to influence their habits or attitudes toward better animal care. While we cannot reach adults in the same proportion that we do the children in the schools, nevertheless, through a gradual house-to-house canvass the Animal Social Service agents will achieve some very tangible results. The records of this Department in the short time of its existence are proof of this statement. But, beyond the value of education through direct contact with animal owners, the Social Service Department has demonstrated another point of interest. There are scores of complaints of alleged neglect and indif-

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ference to cruelty which require a vastly different approach than the "arm of the law." Humane officers are the exception who have the capacity, training or natural aptitude to get at the "root of complaints" and to correct conditions that have been the cause of animal abuse. Our agent, Mrs. Elisabeth Chollar, through the angle of Social Service, has successfully adjusted complaints that would have excluded a uniformed officer armed with police credentials. Still another and wholly neglected field of operation is that the Social Service Department of the League will undertake community surveys to indicate certain trends in animal ownership; the number of people who license or fail to license their dogs; why we receive an abnormally large number of cats from certain geographical areas, etc.

Humane Education

Guided capably and enthusiastically by Miss B. Maude Phillips, Humane Education does and will continue to occupy a place of high priority in our effort to combat cruelty and to create a community consciousness of LOVE for humanity and beast. Our type of education is in a very real sense one of the bulwarks of defense against a growing heartlessness and cruelty stemming from a war of hate, brutality and devastation. When 70,000 children, teachers and school masters are the recipients of our heart-warming messages through marionettes, skillfully presented by the Education Staff, it is indeed a powerful contribution for the betterment of human behavior.

No more forceful statement could have been made to prove the effectiveness of our educational program than the spoken words of Mr. Cunningham, Principal of the Abraham Lincoln School here in Boston, who said to me, "One play by your puppeteers to impress the children on the need for kindness to every living thing is worth more than fourteen lectures." Still another tribute to our Education Staff was the voluntary contribution of $60 given by the teachers of the Runkle School in Brookline in appreciation of our efforts to cultivate in children humane deeds and impulses.

Pet Animal Cemetery

The Pet Animal Cemetery is serving its purpose of burials and cremations of deceased pet animals very well — and devoid of any fanfare whatsoever. Animal owners who patronize this last retreat for a loyal and faithful household pet do so with a quiet dignity that speaks for itself in terms of lasting friends for the League.

Our Quarterly Publication

Our Fourfooted Friends has created a new and growing reader interest in 1946 due largely to the change in format, cover design and utilizing popular magazine technique in telling about the activities of the League. Through its pages we have our best opportunity to hold the interest of members and supporters. With increased costs in labor, paper and engravings, we may be compelled to limit the circulation to members and subscribers, and, in addition, issue bi-monthly bulletins describing current activities which will be mailed to our larger list of ten thousand.

I would be remiss in my duty if I did not pay a most deserving tribute to Miss Marjorie L. Wyman for the originality and good taste she has shown in page make-up and the format of our magazine. Space does not permit reproducing the numbers of complimentary letters received from our readers who express great satisfaction with the new make-up.

The League's Branches

The three main branches — Lynn, Eastham and North Harwich, the latter two on Cape Cod, are performing a service that is highly commendable. Although the work is expanding with more and more demands being made for the collection and humane disposition of animals, it is disappointing that membership support and voluntary contributions are not commensurate with the service given. A publicity and educational campaign to correct these inequalities seems to be most necessary. During the year two vacancies at our branches have been filled. One in the capacity of Manager of the Lynn Branch, Mrs. Kathryn DuBois, and on the Cape Hilliard Hopkins was appointed agent in charge of the branch at North Harwich. Both have given an excellent account of their sincerity and competence in the service of the League.

No program, as I have just outlined with its many ramifications, could be executed successfully by the League unless we had the assistance, loyalty and fine spirit of coöperation of many individuals. As your President I am, therefore, indebted first of all to the Board of Directors, its officers and then to Miss Mary E. Boutelle, who, as Assistant Secretary to the Board and Manager of the League, has been superbly efficient in all of her responsibilities, even to the last detail. In addition to our own personnel, we are deeply grateful to the Greater Boston newspapers — especially the Globe, Post, Herald-Traveler, American, Record and the Christian Science Monitor — for a generous amount of publicity as the result of which the League stimulates a community consciousness of its existence and through which a host of new friends are made in support of our efforts to protect helpless animals.

At the close of this 47th year of activity, the League wishes to acknowledge the excellent coöperation of the Boston Board of Health, the Police, Fire Department and of Mr. Daniel Harkins, Curator of the

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NO PARKING THIS SIDE 8 A.M. TO 10 A.M.
Faithful
Dog, Puppy Play Peek-aboo
Free Swan With Feet Frozen in Beach Snow
NEWSPAPERS COÖPERATE IN OUR WORK
BOSTON HERALD-TRAVELER
AMERICAN AND RECORD
POST — GLOBE — CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
Hot Dog! Lowly Pooch on Preferred List Today as Demand Runs Ahead of Supply
Animal Rescue League Fair to Show Film
Give A Horse A Christmas Dinner
Ship Strike Sends Seagoing Pets to Rescue League Home
Monkeys Celebrate Halloween, Invade South and East Boston
Puppet Show For East Lexington
Baby Elephants Taken From Ship Because of Cold
2 Pet Squirrels to Be Freed to Life on Common
BESS TO TOUR BOSTON TOD
Horse 'With Human Mind' to Be in Parade
His Responsibility
Cat Loses 9th Life! Is Pinned in Engine of East Boston Co
Blind Actor Given Dog for Christmas
Win Defy Pickets to Save Horses
Animals Held on Vessel by Strike in Hub
Animal Rescue League Fair to Feature Sale of Herbs
Plenty of Monkey Business at Hub Hallowe'en Show
EX-GI TO GET HIS DOG BACK
$165 Raised to Pay for Keep While in Army
MONKEYSHINES FOR HALLOWEEN—Albert Morris, agent for the Animal Rescue League, shown with an armful of monkeys on roof of three-story building at 12 O st., South Boston, where monkey on right was rescued from chimney after merry chase from Castle Island. "Jocko," the monk with eyes open, is a trained monkey which was used by Morris as a "persuader."
LADY AND BUDDIE pose at Animal Rescue League where they will stay until maritime strike is settled.
CHIT AND CHAT, pet squirrels, and their mistress, 14-year-old Beverly Burum of Squantum.
BATTLING THE SHORTAGE of dogs is this canine mother of 11 pups at Boston's Animal Rescue League shelter, Albany st. A stray, mostly pointer, she bore her litter of five males and six females under the porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Grenough, Harding st., Medfield. The Greenoughs fed her for a week, but decided the shelter would be a better home with cold weather approaching.

ANNOUNCING THE REOPENING OF THE BAXENDALE FOUNDATION SCHOOL in 1947

(Amrita Island Humane Conference, July 14–26 inclusive)

TWO WEEKS will be set aside in July, 1947 for society executives, agents, board members and education directors to attend the Amrita Island Humane Conference for an intensive course of study and practical training in FIVE SUBJECTS. Anyone completing a course will receive a Certificate of Merit.

A great deal of vision, systematic planning and faith were required to establish the Humane Conference in 1936. The founder of this institute, which is ideally located for a vacation, yet at the same time has excellent facilities for a discussion of humane topics, was Robert F. Sellar, former President of the Animal Rescue League of Boston and now President of The American Humane Association. At the 70th Annual Convention of The American Humane Association, Mr. Sellar, in his report to educators and delegates, stated, "If no legal obstacles are in the way, The American Humane Association would like to develop Amrita as a part of its educational and training program." The Animal Rescue League, however, is desirous of continuing the school provided it can be made self-supporting, or, at least, nearly so. In the past, a substantial deficit has been realized for which the regular source of income has not been adequate.

Therefore, in the reopening of Amrita it is believed that because of the manifold benefits derived from this "school-vacation" project visitors will appreciate the necessity for higher rates than existed in previous years. As a trial, a daily rate of $3.00 and a weekly rate of $17.50 will be established which will include three meals a day, sleeping quarters, recreation facilities and the all-important advantages of a humane school plus sociability. For economical planning and to simplify buying of food supplies, etc., those who can do so are urged to arrange their attendance on a weekly basis.

Societies affiliated with The American Humane Association are eligible to send one or more of their personnel, with special consideration to those who have recently been recruited, but not necessarily so.

SUBJECTS TO BE OFFERED

Humane Education
Membership and Finance
Dog Obedience
Agents' Training in Small-Animal Ambulance Technique
Uniformity of Humane Laws (especially dog-licensing regulations)

The program schedule will be daily from Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon.

The faculty for these courses will be announced as soon as confirmations have been received, in the June edition of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS, a current issue of *Our Dumb Animals* and in the *National Humane Review*.

NO CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

No attempt will be made to include Child Protection topics the first year of reopening. We shall invite The American Humane Association to sponsor this part of the Conference in the future if it wishes, but, since there are many more societies that NEED the guidance, instruction and assistance in the interest of Animal Protection, it is our conviction that the reopening of Amrita this year for a study of the latter is of paramount importance.

Island Haven

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

The Baxendale estate, of which the Animal Rescue League is the administrative trustee, has made it possible to establish the Humane Summer Conference. Five spacious cottages, one of them known as Island Haven (shown in the illustration) and formerly occupied by the testator, are located on the Island. Our benefactor was a devoted humanitarian believing in and practicing the principles of kindness, fair play and justice in all of man's relationships with the animal creation as well as with human beings. Through such a noble heritage we have a profound responsibility to perpetuate the high moral principles and ideals so gravely needed in a world beset with greed, mistrust and cruelty.

PLAN NOW to make AMRITA your VACATION in 1947. Complete one of the courses for which you will receive a certificate.

An application blank will be sent you upon request to enable us to do advance planning for food supplies, necessary labor and extra personnel.

Amrita Island is located on beautiful and historic Cape Cod, seventy miles from the City of Boston. If you do not drive a car, there is the advantage of bus or train service from Boston or New York.

HUMANE EDUCATION

B. Maude Phillips, *Director*

During the 1946 school year, the League puppeteers, Miss Harriett Flannery and Mrs. Miriam Smith, presented over 300 marionette plays before approximately 65,000 children. The plays included Peter Rabbit, Hansel and Gretel, The Three Bears, The Three Pigs and Tanya, all containing their full amount of entertainment interwoven with vital lessons of moral content. It is within the realm of these colorful miniature actors to hold the close attention of a child while directing the mind toward proper channels of thought and behavior. It is possible for them not only to emphasize realistically a moral obligation toward all creatures, but to stress the dual dependency existing between man and the animal kingdom as well.

Watching a scene from "Peter Rabbit"

These plays, enjoyed by teachers and children in many Boston schools, were also given in cities and towns outside Boston in 42 different school buildings. In many cases a visit to a certain school meant several nearby schools were able to take advantage of the event by having children and teachers go to the larger building. In this way, we were able to reach a far greater number of children.

As time goes on, we realize more fully how great are the possibilities for the teaching of kindly consideration for every living thing through the instrumentality of marionettes. The interest of all ages is intrigued by the beloved little creatures which, unlike the human being, can entertain, cajole and remonstrate and still remain beloved. We know for a fact that we are but on the edge of what can be accomplished day by day through the medium of our travelling marionette plays, and our only regret is that we cannot fill the requests that come to us all through the year. When funds permit, our hope for the future is at least one more troupe to meet the demand.

Children's Center

There is a real need for a Children's Center where they can gather and obtain needed guidance along the lines of humane education. We are more than ever convinced of this and when our new building, with a suitable auditorium and work rooms, is a reality our program, varied in scope, will be planned to interest pupils from the first to the eighth grades. Nature stories, woodworking, puppetry, motion pictures, and many other subjects will be required.

Thoughtlessness and carelessness are undoubtedly the basic causes of most cruelty. Humane Education is developed upon the premise that children are not instinctively cruel. The things they do that seem devoid of all humane feeling are usually prompted by curiosity, and we try to satisfy this by giving illustrated talks and promote discussions about the habits, natural habitats and the care and treatment of all animals. Normal children respond to this type of training.

Thousands of letters, poems, and drawings come to the League from the children who have witnessed a marionette play, all expressing deep appreciation for our work. In this connection, the teachers are coöperating splendidly by following up each play either with a letter written by the children, part of their work in English, or a drawing made during their art classes.

Though space will not permit a reprint of all of the letters and poems, we have selected at random a few which signify that our lessons in Humane Education are bearing fruit —

Thank you for coming and spending a day with us. I enjoyed the show very much and I am sure that the others in my school feel the same way. It must be hard to change your voices into so many tones. I know that if the animals could talk they would thank you for all you have done. The Animal Rescue League is a wonderful organization. It has taught many people to be kinder to

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animals. I will be kind to all animals in the future. I hope you will come next year to teach the same things you have taught me.

Ermelinda Souza,
Wellington School, Cambridge

I want to tell you that I have a dog and a cat. I try to take good care of them. I feed them at regular meal time and I will follow your rule and keep them in at night.

William Hart,
Batchelder School, North Reading

A few weeks ago you made a worthwhile visit to our school. In presenting your puppet show we gained several good points on kindness. The play was very entertaining, and I, for one, appreciated it very much because I am a lover of dogs. I think that you are very talented in presenting any form of talking entertainment.

Robert Clayman
Wellington School, Cambridge

My Dog

I take my dog in the house at night
He only stays out when it's light.
Little doggy doesn't like to roam,
Because he has a very good home.

Charles Melvin, Devens School

My Friend

A new little friend does visit me,
So very happy can I be.
He sits upon my window sill,
Sings a note and then a shrill,
Now each morn, when I'm out of bed
I give my birdie a piece of bread.

John Oakley, Devens School

We Thank You

We thank you for the puppet show
And all the kindness you did bestow
By your rule we will abide
And all our pets with care we'll guide.

John White, Devens School

Humane Literature Popular

We sent 161 orders for our story leaflets to humane organizations and to teachers colleges in 32 different states. We hope to have many more stories available for distribution. At present we can supply only 19 of the 46 stories written originally by Mrs. Anna Harris Smith, the founder of the League.

Lectures

A number of lectures were given during the year to church groups, parent-teacher organizations, women's clubs, etc., providing an excellent opportunity to tell of the work of the League. Those who attend these lectures are amazed at the diversified functions of our organization. "Oh, I thought the League did nothing but take care of dogs and cats on the streets of Boston," would frequently be the remark. By degrees we are making each community conscious of the varied scope of our work, and through this medium it is our hope that funds will be forthcoming to carry on a larger program.

Animals In The Service of Man

The film, "Animals In The Service of Man," was shown three times at our Annual Fair. So impressed were several school teachers who saw it, requests have been coming in for showings in a number of schools. One teacher wrote: "Thank you so much for the film. We had two showings for the primary children in the morning and through the 8th grade in the afternoon. It is an excellent film and all enjoyed it. With best wishes to Miss Phillips and yourself, I am sincerely, Elizabeth K. Ladrigan, Abraham Lincoln School, Boston, Mass."

Once the character-building possibilities of Humane Education are fully realized and the moral and economic value of right treatment for animals is appreciated, the principle of respect for life will be illimitable. The whole world needs such education, and to this end we pledge ourselves to the furtherance of teaching respect and consideration for all beings. Mrs. Anna Harris Smith, our Founder, said:

"THE FOUNDATION OF CIVILIZATION AND CHRISTIANITY MUST BE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION FOR THE HAPPINESS OF EVERYTHING THAT LIVES AND CAN SUFFER."

THE ART OF BEING KIND

The following letter was received from a friend who was faced with the sad duty of having to part with a pet:

"*Dear Mr. Foster:*

Perhaps you will recall that on Monday I brought in my little wire-haired terrier to be put to sleep. To me this was a real heartbreaking experience and my reason for writing is to try to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown me, both by yourself and your assistant.

I know you must see many cases of troubled people who have lost pets one way or another, but instead of hardening your hearts it seems to have given you an understanding of these people, and the few quiet words and consideration given me will never be forgotten.

It takes so little to comfort a person who is miserable, and had your attitude been one of indifference and perhaps a businesslike way of getting it over with, I know I would have hated my memories of the place where I left my little dog. But now only the deepest appreciation fills my heart and perhaps these few lines will help you to deal with the many difficult cases that come to you in your work.

Someone wrote a poem about 'the paths that wind and wind — but the greatest of these is being kind.'*

Sincerely yours,
Gladys Prescott"

* Miss Prescott refers to the poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox which reads:

So many gods, so many creeds
So many paths that wind and wind
While just the art of being kind
Is all this sad world needs.

— *Editor*

THE ONE SURE WAY TO END ALL CRUELTIES IS TO UNITE UNFLINCHINGLY AGAINST THEM

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, *Chief Inspector*

An agent of this department, who is also the Field Representative of the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association, Earl E. Wentzel, and our president, Walter J. Dethloff, had occasion to investigate the facilities for processing horses shipped from Portland, Maine, to Greece.

On the day of the inspection eight carloads of horses arrived in the early hours of the morning (3:30) which gave an excellent opportunity to observe every phase of handling the horses aboard ship. With the new arrival of 160 range-type horses from Pierre, South Dakota, there was a total of 365 horses on the Liberty Ship *Henry Dearborn*, the final destination being Greece, an ocean voyage of about 21 days.

RÉSUMÉ OF COMPLAINTS

During the 28-day Maritime Strike some 800 horses were assembled, 400 confined to an unsheltered paddock and pasture at the Yarmouth, Maine, Pole Yards (15 miles from Portland) and it was reported that horses were standing in deep mud, with too few hay racks, and were being severely abused when finally loaded in stock cars for transportation to the ship. Also that 400 horses confined at the railroad yards were receiving insufficient hay rations, the shed pens with accumulated manure and quagmire knee deep.

It was alleged that horses were abused by the handlers, especially when the 800 horses were reloaded for transfer to the boat. In particular, it was reported that the long poles used by the men were struck over the heads of the horses, resulting in many gashes, contusions, and, in one instance, a pointed pole was thrown forcefully at a horse which punctured its cheek.

It was alleged that the men haltering the horses in a stockade or chute were extremely abusive with sticks, needlessly exciting the animals before being reloaded.

It was reported that during the strike handlers refused to fill the hay mangers between pens, utilizing only the front hay racks, which deprived many horses of a sustaining diet.

It was also alleged that the pens were overcrowded for a long period of confinement, 50 horses being held in each pen, or a total of over 400.

CONDITIONS OBSERVED BY DETHLOFF AND WENTZEL

At Yarmouth it was discovered that there were no more horses in the paddock or fifty-acre pasture. The loading pen and ramp were still there and all water troughs empty. An employee of the Pole Yard stated he witnessed no abuse of horses, that he considered the horses properly fed and watered and conditions in general better than if the horses had been confined to barns. The handler denied the abusive treatment, but admitted that occasionally an unruly horse was struck. He further acknowledged that the paddock was muddy, necessitating the use of cinders. Four horses died during the Maritime Strike at Yarmouth. Accumulation of manure in shed pens was admitted, making a soft quagmire, but it was felt that the railroad company was responsible for keeping the premises clean. It was claimed that hay was fed three times each day at 30 lbs. per horse.

The entire procedure of handling the horses was witnessed, eight carloads arriving from Pierre, South Dakota, due to reach the railroad yards at 3:30 A.M. but not spotted until 4:00 A.M. (the 36-hour period was over at 5:00 A.M.) All horses were unloaded by 5:15 A.M., 22 head in each car and two lots penned together. The horses came out without much persuasion and the long poles were used with great care and good judgment. Before they were unloaded an inspection was made of all shed pens, which were clean, dry and entire space of hay racks filled with a good quality hay fodder. Each pen had salt licks attached to the supporting posts. Water troughs were clean but empty, it being the practice to allow horses to feed before drinking. The footing for all of the eight cars inspected was sand covered with manure accumulated during the journey. The horses going down the ramps encountered no difficulty since each ramp was well lighted, although an occasional horse slipped due to the manure covered cleats.

On Friday at 9:30 A.M. an inspection was made of the 176 horses which were allowed the five-hour rest period under the Federal 28–36-hour law. Reloading commenced at 10:10 A.M., the general practice being to handle 9 to 12 horses in a group. They were transferred to a pen adjacent to a typical narrow chute where each horse was haltered (rope halter). Three horses were in the chute at one time and as soon as haltered were reloaded into the railroad stock cars. Occasionally a

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ANIMAL SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

ELISABETH CHOLLAR, *Director*

GLANCING over my records, I find that during the period the Social Service Department has actually been functioning I have been out on about twenty-five cases, which will be increased by the time the March issue of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS goes to press, and I have talked with at least one hundred and fifty families in the course of my travels. I hope you will forgive my use of the more personal "I" in this article, instead of the "editorial we", because I should like to talk directly to you in an attempt to bring the real message behind this work.

The actual number of cases may seem small, but they consist of nuisance problems, charges of neglect, pleas for a pet in some home where the donation fee could not be met, but where the situation warranted our placing a dog, etc.

Social Service for Animals does not mean routine covering of cases — it means a friendly visit in homes and long conversations about the clever, intelligent actions of the family pet, a rightful pride because these cherished cats and dogs *are* a vital part of home life. Sometimes there are grievances, neighbors do not seem too kindly inclined, landlords coldly fault-finding, and it is a part of my real pleasure to listen to these difficulties, to share the enjoyment of some clever trick, to correct wrong impressions and help adjust misunderstandings, and ALWAYS to EDUCATE to the best of my ability. People often seem to have so little idea of proper feeding and care of the pets they love. Again and again I meet with arguments about licensing of dogs, such as "But my dog never goes out, it is kept right here in the house," and it takes time and patience to go over the salient points of the NECESSITY and ADVANTAGE of licensing. I always leave a copy of our feeding pamphlets, one on the work of the League, and our cardboard cut-out dog "Blackie", which has complete information regarding licensing and care concisely listed on the back.

Everywhere I go, whether on a neglect or nuisance complaint, or for other reasons, I meet with instant coöperation. One of the nicest results of this work is the friendly responses, the telephone calls telling me that owners have licensed their dogs the very next day after my visit, the little notes thanking me for coming to see them, the cats that come in for spaying after their owners have realized the necessity for the control of the constant and mounting kitten situation which adds daily to the burden of our Collection Department.

A HIGHLIGHT OF 1946

If you have never had the privilege of attending a Pet Show, you have missed an amusing and instructive experience. The 8th Annual Pet Show of the Boys' Club of Boston, held at the South Boston Clubhouse on September 14th, proved no exception to the rule.

The birds and the beasts were there, sixty strong, with entries ranging from tiny turtles to white mice, cats, dogs and one pigeon. Judging was a difficult matter for all the animals, even the mice, possessed definite and individual appeal. Special awards finally went to the following:

Best Pet in Show

Boston Terrier, Roger Concannon

Boston Herald Photo

Roger Concannon

Smallest Pet
Turtle, John McCrail

Best Trained Pet
Fox Terrier, William Kerrigan

Most Unusual Pet
Pigeon, Thomas O'Neil

Oldest Pet
12-year-old Cocker Spaniel, Patrick Arrigal

Best Cared for Pet
Spitz dog, Thomas Rogers

Dog with Longest Tail
Collie dog, Francis Doherty

Dr. George W. Mather, Chief Veterinarian of the League, and I were the two judges and the BEST IN SHOW ribbon, as well as the book TRAINING YOU TO TRAIN YOUR DOG, were special presentations from the League to the top winners. The other special awards were given by the Boys' Club, and the Animal Rescue League presented ribbons in the Second and Third Classes in addition to the above.

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The relationship between pet and master is demonstrated at its best in these shows, and the mutual affection displayed is indeed heartwarming. The Boys' Club of Boston should be proud of its members and of the fact it is building a sense of responsibility so necessary in later life by recognizing that quality as shown by these boys in caring for their pets.

Boston Globe Photo

Miles Dewey and "Brownie"

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

In closing I would like to tell you about one of the loveliest experiences I have ever had. This little story was released to the newspapers and appeared as the basis of a front-page article in the Boston Globe.

The Spirit of Christmas has many guises. It is in the holly wreaths, the pungency of balsam boughs, the laughter of holiday throngs on streets, the deep candle-lit peace of churches. But, to Miles Dewey, in his simple home in Roxbury, it came in the shape of a brown dog that walked straight into his heart and brought happiness that was Holy.

Miles Dewey is blind. He had as his companion a Doberman Pinscher, seven or eight years of age. The dog shared the man's meagre existence and gave him a love that was faithful and enduring. Miles' darkened life was made beautiful by the companionship, but the dog had developed a bone tumor which grew worse until a day came when help had to be asked.

The Animal Rescue League responded to his need through the expert attendance of Drs. Mather and Hopkins, but it was too late. Two weeks later the dog had to be humanely put to sleep and Miles Dewey was left alone with his heartbreak.

Again the League came to his aid. We had in our kennels a spayed female Terrier named "Brownie," which Dr. Mather and I took to his home.

"Who is it?" Mr. Dewey called sadly in answer to the knock on his door.

"We have a dog for you," came the reply.

The door flew open. Miles' blind eyes peered into the hallway, his welcoming hands reaching down and caressing the dog's warm muzzle, the soft ears, down the back to the feathery tail, and his joy could not find words outside of a heartfelt "thank you, thank you, thank you," over and over again, but his smile was of one who has received an answer to a prayer.

And so, Christmas, in all its warmth and richness came to Miles Dewey in the shape of "Brownie", the dog from the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

ROWLEY SCHOOL OF THE HUMANITIES

For the first time in the history of the humane movement a school for the teaching of Humane Education has been established at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia by the Massachusetts Humane Education Society of which Eric H. Hansen is President.

Named in honor of Dr. Francis H. Rowley, a leader in the humane movement and President of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. for more than thirty-five years, this school inaugurates a course in humane sociology. Excellent leadership in this particular field of endeavor has been shown, and without a doubt it will result in great expansion in the ideologies of the early leaders of our cause. Dr. Rowley is certainly to be counted among those worthy of our highest and most reverent respect.

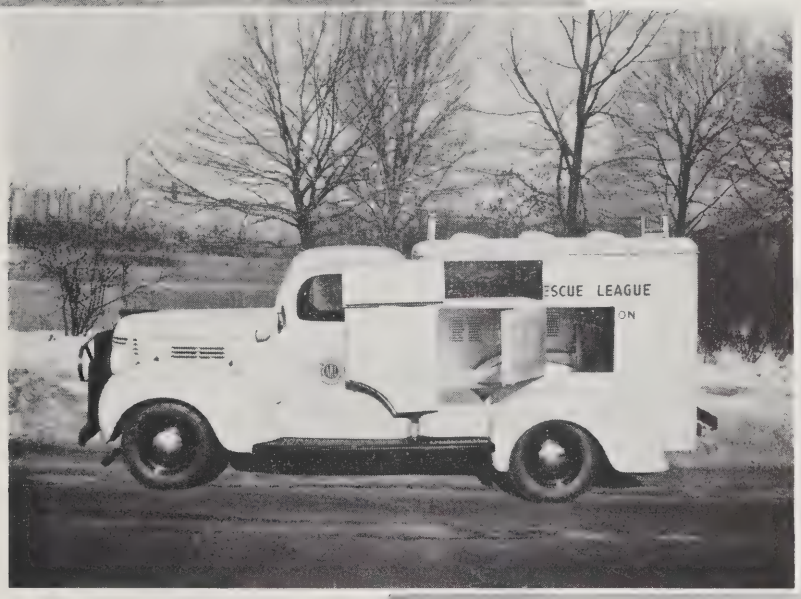
The youth of today are the citizens of tomorrow. The more we can instill in their hearts right treatment for every living thing, the better will be our chances for a lasting peace — a peace including LOVE, KINDNESS and TOLERANCE toward all.

The Rowley School of the Humanities is dedicated to that end, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston extends sincere congratulations and wishes for unbounded success in the teaching of humane ideals and principles.

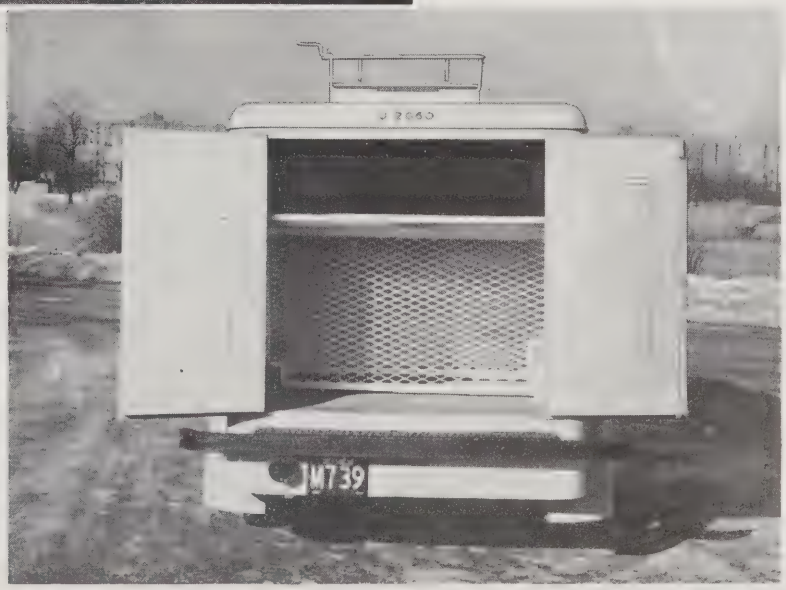
ATOMIC ENERGY as a DESTRUCTIVE FORCE can DESTROY Civilization. KINDNESS as a CONSTRUCTIVE FORCE will SAVE Humanity.

A MODEL TYPE PET ANIMAL AMBULANCE

A new Dodge cab-type ambulance with specially constructed body. It is suede in color with black lettering. Note the ladder rack on top.



Top compartment for cat boxes. Two large compartments on floor of ambulance for dogs, a smaller compartment in rear. Stainless steel throughout, with drawn-wire partitions. Adequate ventilation top and sides. Handling of animals made easier by loading from the sides.



Rear compartment, top and bottom, with plenty of ventilation. Quarters spacious for more efficient handling of animals.

FREE ANIMAL CLINIC

George W. Mather, *Chief Veterinarian*

Dr. Mather says . .

Letters addressed to Dr. Mather about your PET will be given prompt attention. In all cases of serious or acute illness we urge you to consult your nearest veterinarian.

Our clinic treated, during the year 1946, 13,032 cases and gave advice over the telephone to 4,871 persons.

The health of hundreds of medical patients has been attended to and many surgical operations performed. We have done a number of Caesarian sections on suffering pets, removed hopelessly diseased, painful eyes, relieved unfortunate victims of urinary stoppage and severe constipation. Accident cases come to our attention daily and are handled and treated carefully. Often we must frankly tell the inquiring party that we deem it wise for him to bring a pet to our clinic rather than give advice without the animal being seen.

Many of our cases are distinctly unique. I well recall a "rapid-fire" telephone conversation informing me of a pet that had devoured a man's sock which it had found on the street. Our client's hope was that we could give him a "shot" to rid his dog of the offending foreign body. We told him to bring the pet to our clinic. He appeared in a short time coaxing his dog up the stairs to the clinic. The drug was injected and in about two minutes and a half the dog was vomiting profusely. To the astonishment of all not only the sock appeared, but a large rubber band, a piece of rubber footware, a small stick of wood, a small stone and others bits of nondescript foreign material.

The well-known expression, "to be born under an unlucky star," evidently can apply to the animal world as well as that of man. "Skippy," a 13-year-old black and white Spitz, is a concrete example. His puppyhood was uneventful except for the usual afflictions affecting little dogs. But, when about five years of age, his "dark star" apparently began to ascend and the first of a series of misfortunes befell him. He was struck by an automobile. The road back to health proved a long and tortuous one, but Skippy's pluck and his great love for his master prevailed over pain and injury and he struggled back almost to complete recovery. However, Fate had still other things in store. Poor Skippy's age-dulled senses proved no match for a fast moving automobile and he was left lying at the side of the road tossed there by the car of a thoughtless hit-and-run driver. He finally gained sufficient strength and presence of mind to drag himself home. Examination showed that two ribs had been torn from their articulation but that the injury should heal in time — but, no — while in his own backyard he was attacked by a large and strong young dog and severely mauled which resulted in many bruises and sore spots although fortunately no lacerations or wounds.

Skippy's adventures we hope have ended with his being discharged after being made comfortable and given a mild sedative. It is for the constant procession of these unfortunate victims of disease and injury that our clinic functions, bringing relief from pain, recovery from disease, healing of injury and happiness to grieving owners.

The clinic has witnessed one of the worst outbreaks of encephalitis in dogs this area has seen for years. Encephalitis is a progressive disease that devastates nerve tissue of the brain and is usually incurable. It is caused by several different ultramicroscopic viruses, the most com-

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Dr. Hopkins examines a Tiger Cub — Its mother refused to feed it

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mon being the nerve-seeking type of distemper virus. We are striving to relieve the misery of dogs affected with this disease by every method known to our profession. Preventive distemper vaccination appears to be the most helpful measure of control.

At the present time we are treating many cases of so-called "cat typhoid" as a result of the enzootic of this malady which has existed for the last two months. Only by early detection and treatment do animals stand much chance of survival against this serious disease, because the onset is sudden and the mortality high. Protective vaccination is the most logical and helpful control measure.

The clinic has seen a few changes in personnel during the past year. Dr. Herbert M. Tabbut resigned as Chief Veterinarian soon after the first of the year to engage in private practice in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. The present staff has strived to bring to our patrons the same high type of service that it did under Dr. Tabbut's leadership. Dr. John Macpherson, who was a member of our staff for only three months, resigned to engage in general practice in Maine. Dr. Arthur Barry has been with us since June 3rd, and Dr. William Hopkins, well-known to everyone, has been a member of the clinic staff for some time.

All who contribute toward the support of a charitable organization are entitled to a complete understanding of what is being accomplished as a result of their generosity, and it is hoped that members and friends will not hesitate to ask for enlightenment on any points not covered in this necessarily brief report of our clinic.

Although the clinic averages approximately 13,000 patients annually, a real effort is made to avoid competition with practicing veterinarians. Every emphasis is placed upon the need and good ethics of fullest coöperation with those in the profession. Persons able to pay a reasonable veterinary fee should patronize local veterinarians. *We seek the patronage of the others* and freely offer our facilities to all in the interest of proper care and treatment of all suffering animals.

Leaflets on "The Care of Dogs," "Care of Cats," and "Fleas and Their Control," are available to anyone writing for them.

HONOR ROLL

The names of those who have been in the employ of the League for ten years or more are inscribed on this Honor Roll:

Archibald MacDonald...	34 years
B. Maude Phillips.....	33 years
Eleanor E. Heuston.....	27 years
John A. Finlayson.....	27 years
Mary E. Boutelle.....	25 years
John Bella.....	24 years
Albert Morris.....	23 years
Frank Waller.....	22 years
Sherman Bates.....	21 years
Frederick Barrett.....	19 years
Joseph Connaughton....	18 years
Marion D. Caspole.....	16 years
Walter F. Nickerson.....	16 years
Hugh Brennan.....	16 years
Katherine Whitcomb....	16 years
Marjorie L. Wyman.....	14 years
Christina Finlayson.....	12 years
Dr. George W. Mather...	12 years
Walter F. Brown.....	11 years
Arthur Foster.....	11 years

Toni

"Toni," 8-year-old French poodle, owned by Miss Marian Harris of Cambridge, Massachusetts, passed away December 12, 1946.

A letter, addressed to Miss Harris, expresses the sentiments of each and every member of the League Staff:

"*Dear Miss Harris*:

Believe me when I say that the unexpected passing of 'Toni', an ultra-friendly and intelligent dog, is a loss that we at the League feel very deeply. His service at the Annual League Fair has engendered a spirit of loyalty that is unparalleled even in human relations. No words of ours can be comforting, but we can take some solace in the experience of an unknown author who said:

'Out of sight, forever,
Out of my heart, never.'

Sincerely yours,
WALTER J. DETHLOFF, *President*"

CAPE COD BRANCH

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN, *Director* HARWICHPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

How, in cold print, can we describe to our League friends the progress made by our Cape Cod Branch during the past year? Not by mere statistics, although figures which reveal the number of animals cared for, and the mileage involved in collecting them, are of themselves significant in that we are living up to Mrs. Huntington Smith's precept that humane endeavor should have no geographical limit. Likewise, the large number of dogs and an unusually large number of cats placed in homes indicate unflagging service in their behalf.

It is at this point, however, that statistics break down and that we wish our friends could see for themselves the results achieved not only for the benefit of fourfooted creatures, but also for their owners.

It was in late June 1946 that our agent Hilliard Hopkins took office and soon afterwards the League kennels were moved bodily from our former agent Preston Rogers' place at West Harwich to their present location topping a small hill on Mr. Hopkins' place at North Harwich. Many steps were then taken before all was in readiness, including cement flooring provided for the runways which extend from each kennel. Heavy wire netting with fresh aluminum paint was used to fence the yards, and complete renovation of the building both inside and out was given. Most of this labor, and much more, was done by our agent himself with only part-time help from one assistant, thereby keeping the expense to a minimum.

During the transition period our Eastham Agent, Mr. Nickerson, helped out by taking care of all animals in need. Soon activities at the new shelter were in full swing, and ever since while calls of all kinds have been increasing in number, service has been rendered promptly and efficiently both by day and night.

Jottings from Mr. Hopkins' notebook for December read as follows:

"Complaint made as result of a family quarrel." "Dog placed in good home pays us a surprise visit at shelter." "Skunk under building. Very ugly." "Small dog, burn on back — taken to veterinarian."

Behind each of these brief headings lies a story of human interest. The little dog referred to had been astray for some days. After receiving treatment and when the wound had healed, she was adopted by the man who found her.

Unlike war years, we are now fortunate in having good veterinarians on the Cape. Often lives are saved because of the advice and help we are able to secure from them. When, however, a case is pronounced incurable, our agent's only recourse is, obviously, to put the animal humanely to sleep. We wish that all persons who place these dogs or cats in our hands could realize that in so doing we are saving them from protracted misery, also from spreading disease to others.

Referring again to homes for animals, our lists on the one hand of families who must give up a pet, and on the other of families eager to find one, are constantly growing. When the right home is discovered for a dog or cat, the news, it seems, travels so rapidly that other puzzled or prospective owners spring up all around us.

Sometimes, to be sure, a large dog is sought when only small ones are available, or vice versa. But by waiting a little the right one is almost sure to appear and win a place for himself.

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Much credit for the animal welfare activities on Cape Cod is due to the leadership qualities of Mrs. Rockwell Coffin. Always an inspiration to her co-workers and undaunted in facing difficult situations. Mrs. Coffin has well earned the confidence as well as respect of a large host of friends in the humane cause. — Editor

CAPE COD BRANCH

"No more snapping. Very little yapping," said the mother of Tommy whose picture taken with his pet, one of our League dogs, a former "misfit," appears here.

For our agent at Eastham, Walter Nickerson, who has served the League faithfully for fifteen years, this past year has been one of the busiest.

Recently a visitor came to inquire about "a large, beautiful dog," which a friend had obtained from Mr. Nickerson. "I want one just like it," she said, "or as nearly like it as possible."

We have hopes of satisfying her. A litter of five pups is soon to come to our Harwich kennels. With an inheritance of Shepherd, Doberman and Great Dane, one may expect almost anything.

In the autumn, Mr. Nickerson received a dangerous bite from a cat which he was handling. The results came near being extremely serious, but we are happy to report that he has made safe recovery.

The trapping of stray cats, most of which are in a wild state when reported to us, is one of the saddest and most difficult tasks which our agents have to perform. Some of these strays must once have had homes. Others born in the wilds of mothers who had been abandoned, or so neglected that they roamed away, have grown to huge size and become so savage that they are a menace to domestic animals. When will people learn to keep only the number of cats to which they can give proper care? No animal is more dependent upon a good home or more wretched in a bad one than the much misunderstood feline.

A new problem confronts us today with the return of the horse. In the last half century we have passed through three phases: The horse and carriage days when the majority of privately owned horses were given good care by families competent to handle them. Next came the period of the "horseless carriage" when private stables became garages, and horses except for utility purposes, largely disappeared. Now in the third phase, we have the carriageless horse, for equestrians are returning to our highways and byways.

In a radius of about fifteen miles here, at least fifty saddle horses are quartered and numerous cases have been reported to us for investigation. We are glad to find that in some cases criticism is unwarranted, also that some of our young riders understand both care and handling of their animals. That others lack sufficient knowledge of a horse's needs is, however, evident. Experience in driving the family Ford has not taught them how to handle their mounts, or that a drafty garage is no proper place in which to shelter him.

Recently rumors have been afloat that horse racing is coming to our once quiet locality. We recall a peaceful town on the Cape which years ago acquired a trotting park. After a brief career this was abandoned for lack of use. Soon scrub pine and field grass sprang up and obliterated the race track, and in spring, arbutus on its native heath bloomed again.

If horse racing ever invades Harwich, or her sister towns, may it share a similar fate!

● A Membership in the Animal Rescue League of Boston or its Branches is An Investment in Civic Betterment.

NEW ENGLAND FEDERATION MEETS

Edith B. Woodward, *Secretary*

The Executive Board and Annual Meeting of the New England Federation of Humane Societies was held November 19, 1946 at 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts at which time the resignation of President Robert F. Sellar, who is now President of The American Humane Association, was read and accepted.

Following regular routine business, two new members were admitted, Mr. Eric H. Hansen, President of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and Mr. Walter J. Dethloff, President of the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

The officers elected for the year 1947 were:

President
J. Seth Jones, Hartford, Conn.

1st Vice-President
Eric H. Hansen, Boston, Mass.

2nd Vice-President
Mott L. Bartlett,
Portsmouth, N. H.

Secretary
Mrs. Edith B. Woodward,
Taunton, Mass.

Treasurer
Mrs. Florence Rathom,
Providence, R. I.

Directors
Walter J. Dethloff, Boston, Mass.
Lyman Cousens, Jr., Portland, Maine
Dr. Grace Burnett, Brattleboro, Vermont
Anita Harris, Castine, Maine

The 1947 meeting will be held in Hartford, Connecticut.

GREATER LYNN PETS AIDED BY ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

By Francis J. Mahaney, *Lynn Item*

"Come quickly! My dog's hopelessly wedged between walls in the cellar of my home and he's becoming frenzied."

Eagerly, quickly, Sherman Bates, the only agent attached to the Lynn Branch of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, sets out from the modest headquarters at 4 Neptune Street to effect one of a series of varied rescues on an average day.

For more than 30 years the Lynn Branch of the League has been performing humanitarian work in unpretentious houses, the first at 48 Astor Street. Its present building is tucked away from the hustle of the business district.

This year the organization will collect probably more than 12,000 animals. During the winter season the office receives between 700 and 800 calls a month for assistance. It has 300 calls a month seeking information ranging from "what should I feed a turtle my son just found?" "where's the nearest veterinarian?" to occasional reports of mistreatment of animals.

Sherman Bates

Abuse of horses, such as the parent organization had to fight in the early days of the humane movement, has faded to isolated cases. In Lynn there are comparatively few reports of overworked horses, or horses improperly housed, poorly shod, badly fed or with ill-fitting harness.

The work of the Lynn Branch receiving station is supervised by Mrs. Kathryn DuBois, who resides in the combination home and haven for animals. She has an assistant, Mrs. Eva Stevens, who has been associated with the work for the past seven years.

School Club Aids League

One of the bright memories of Mrs. DuBois since she became manager last June is the sight of three students of the William P. Connery Junior School who, on the last day of school, brought in $14.25 — mostly in pennies, nickels and dimes — as representatives of the school's Kindness Club. Rescue League officials like to see local children take an active interest in animal welfare, many of them volunteering to take stricken animals to the League when owners become unduly excited, because it is a recognized fact that a child's fellowship for his pets is carried over to a genuine feeling of fellowship for his playmates and later for his fellow men.

An effective system for instructing children in the public schools regarding the humane treatment of animals has been developed in many places and, as time goes on, it will assume more importance in school life.

Relative to coöperation, the Lynn Police Department has been especially helpful during instances when the ambulance is out on a distance trip.

There are times when the Lynn Branch must investigate reports of people abusing animals. This takes tact. Some complaints resolve themselves into neighborhood squabbles. Mrs. DuBois, her assistant and Mr. Bates make every effort at protecting an animal's interest.

Work for the protection and aid of animals in Lynn began 31 years ago. The project was started in an eight-room cottage at 48 Astor Street. Homeless dogs, cats and other animals were cared for under the direction of Miss Enna Jordan. Prior to the establishment of the Animal

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LYNN BRANCH

Rescue League there were no adequate provisions for the care of sick, stray and diseased animals. Receiving only the nominal fee which would pay for the chloroform and car fares to and from the scene of the rescue, and sometimes not even that, Miss Jordan for years cared for an average of 40 cats a week.

As more people became interested in the work, fewer would knowingly allow one of the stricken animals to lie down in a backyard and die. Thus the calls grew more numerous until it became impossible for private interest to be burdened with what were really public affairs.

Lynn Branch Has Big Field

Today, however, the Lynn Branch has greatly expanded its care of animals from the specialized work of Miss Jordan. Stray dogs and cats are taken to the Branch, held for a while, to await claims by owners. Failing in that the animals are transferred to the Shelter at 366 Albany Street, Boston, where they are given special attention. They are held there for six days, allowing traditional time for concerned owners to trace and secure their animals. At the end of this period the dogs of good behavior and commendable traits are placed in suitable homes.

Animals which are found too badly injured for recovery on the street are immediately "put to sleep" by Animal Agent Sherman Bates. They are chloroformed in the ambulance and are not, as sometimes supposed, carried around in the ambulance in a state of extreme suffering.

In an ordinary day there is plenty of pathos at 4 Neptune Street, children tearfully reporting the loss of a treasured animal, elderly people parting with pets which have been 10-year companions.

Financially, the Lynn receiving station has to rely on contributions of North Shore animal lovers, donations by those who have been given assistance in handling of animals, occasional sums left in wills and from the Annual Fair conducted in Boston.

Mr. Bates has captured some of the most vicious animals along the North Shore for the past two decades. Only once has he been bitten by a dog whose owner neglected to relate that the animal was vicious. Attacked by the dog while he was calmly conversing Bates suffered severe bites on his hip.

A wild cat really got to Bates once when he was taking kittens away from the mother at an owner's request. On this occasion the agent was set upon by the cat which bit him 21 times, severing the jugular vein in his right wrist. "I've never yet met the dog who got the best of me face to face. My rope is pretty practical," declared Bates.

Six days a week Mr. Bates goes all over the North Shore on routine calls, on emergency cases and on assignments which demand daring rescues. Cool and collected, he has work which calls for an unusual amount of persuasion, tact, kindness and courage. He goes about it without swagger.

IN THE WOOD

The little purple asters
Are climbing up the hill
And that's a sign of autumn —
It gives me quite a thrill.

The leaves will soon be scarlet
And if I'm very good,
Don will take me hunting
And tramping in the wood.

We'll go to secret places,
But we'll never take a gun.
That's death to little wood folk
And not a bit of fun.

If we are very careful,
And oh! how hard we'll try,
We'll see a mother rabbit
And her little ones go by

And in the deepest forest,
Another mile or so,
We'll find a spotted fawnlet
And the gentle mother doe

When home we go at sunset
We'll have no game, but we
Will leave the shy wild creatures
In the forest, safe and free.

Mary A. Gillam
Petersburg, Virginia

Be Kind to Animals Week April 7-13
Humane Sunday, April 13

We shall be glad to give you all the details of the observance and will welcome your participation

Boy, Ma

Boy, Man, and Dog

Courtesy of The Rotarian

BOY, MAN, and DOG

Animal Rescue League of Boston sponsors special features during "National Be Kind to Animals Week," April 7–13, 1947

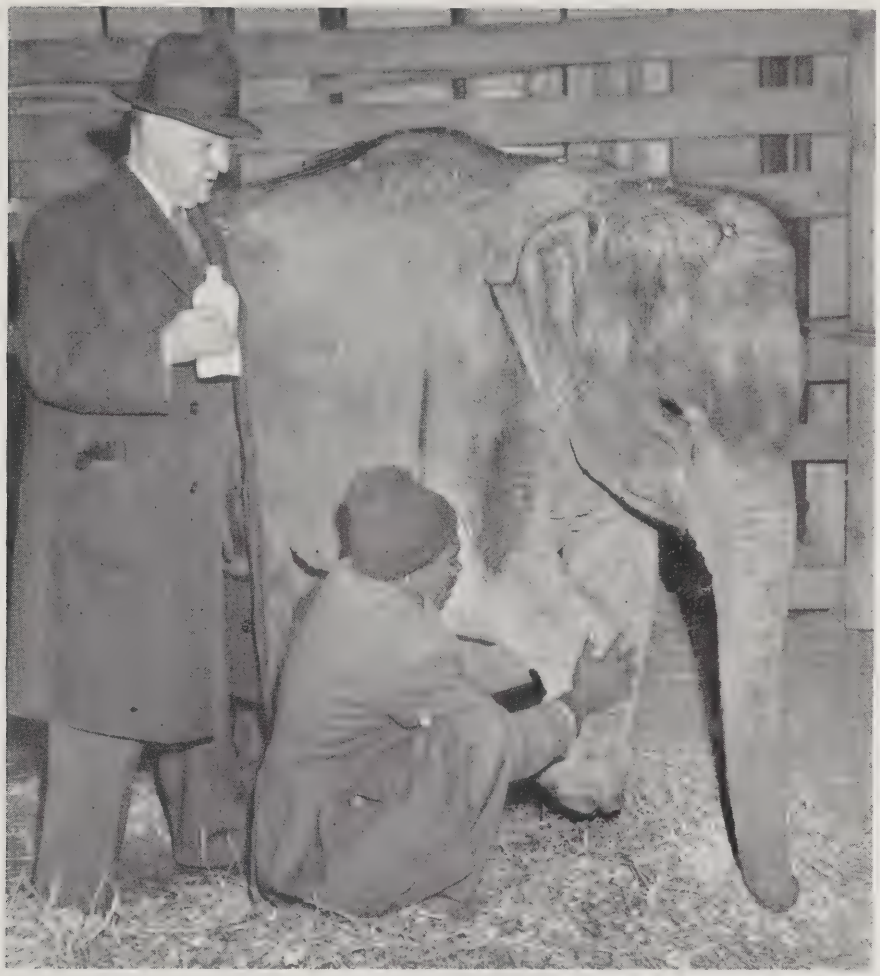
The preceding drawings give a striking illustration by Diana Thorne, nationally known animal artist, entitled "Boy, Man, and Dog." They were first reproduced in the *Rotarian*, a popular magazine of the Rotary Clubs of America. The League is proud of the special courtesy extended to it to reproduce this compelling story picture as a theme for celebrating the 47th Annual "Be Kind to Animals Week."

Reprints will be mailed to all schools, public, parochial and private, in Greater Boston with instructions on how to actively participate in the Kindness Week observance. Suitable prize awards will be offered to pupils according to age groups. All that will be necessary to win a prize is for the pupil to write a SLOGAN or TITLE for the story picture and a letter not to exceed 200 words telling what the illustrations mean to him or her in the observance of "National Be Kind to Animals Week."

Is not *Kindness* the most important quality that a person can possess? And is not *Kindness* learned by understanding? The lack of this quality has brought about the inhumanities that exist in the world today.

UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

Story by Elisabeth Chollar, *Animal Social Service Director*



There is a voice that cries aloud in the wilderness — a voice as yet unheeded — the voice of hundreds of tropical animals shipped ill-housed, starved, overcrowded, suffering from disease, cold and neglect.

When will we answer that cry?

Here is a true record of one case of unparalleled cruelty in which the League, through the instant and intelligent response of its Chief Investigator, Archibald MacDonald, was able to save some of the lives of the animal freight arriving aboard the Steamship Red Rover from Calcutta, Colombo and Port Said.

On Christmas Day Mr. MacDonald received three calls at his home regarding a shipment of elephants, monkeys and one spotted leopard aboard the Steamship Red Rover tied up at Pier 2 in East Boston. This ship had met with stormy weather throughout the whole trip. On the upper deck, *with nothing but a length of torn canvas to protect them from icy spray, bitter wind and freezing cold*, were three elephants — all that was left of the original five. Their hides were painted white by salt deposits from the sea water that had swept the deck. One animal was down on the deck and the other two ready to collapse. Of the two elephants that died, one was unable to get up for four days and the other for three days before death finally brought a merciful end to their agony. The three that were left were shivering and moaning with agonized pain caused by long hours of exposure to frigid elements. Down in a hold below deck — a place damp, filthy, littered with debris with absolutely no light and crowded into cages too small for them, were the pitiful, hungry remainder of a shipment of three hundred monkeys and one spotted leopard in a cage beside them. Mr. MacDonald had with him Daniel J. Harkins, Curator of the Franklin Park Zoo, and the two men had to crawl through an opening the size of a manhole to get to the monkeys. There, scattered over the floor, were the bodies of no less than

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NEW ENGLAND LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

MARJORIE L. WYMAN, *Secretary*

Help win the Peace! Waste Won't Do It! Conserve The Nation's Meat Supply by Better Handling of Live Stock! Over $12,000,000 Loss Last Year From Bruises and Rough Handling! This Amount Would Feed A City of 138,000 People For One Whole Year!

IT is important to note that careful handling of live stock as a conservation measure results in more comfort and less misery. That explains the Animal Rescue League's primary interest in live stock loss prevention.

Crippling, bruising, and shipping mortality exact an annual livestock toll of over $12,000,000; diseases and parasites result in a loss of $6,000,000; while improper feeding, handling and care take a toll of another $4,000,000. Much of this loss each year is preventable and our primary purpose is to induce farmers, truckers, railroad and other agencies handling live stock to join hands for the purpose of eliminating those things which reduce profits and create misery.

Producers all too frequently fail to realize the damage done by the use of clubs, by projecting nails, splintered boards, sharp-cornered posts, slippery footing and a number of other contributing factors. Bruising occurs all along the line — on farms, in transit, at public markets and to some degree in packing plants.

For best results in all live stock operations, from the feedlot to and through the market places, there should be in the individual handlers an innate fondness for animals, a full appreciation of their value, and a natural inclination to use as little force as possible. Highly developed humane principles and good business sagacity are analogous.

The packers know the results of bruising from mishandling of live stock, and it is up to all of us to educate everyone along the line who handles the animals used for food purposes to become conscious of the fact they are the losers when animals are improperly treated and handled.

This "Ad" Appeared in *The Cattleman* Magazine

Bruises Are Expensive

It is customary to think of nature as being cruel, but certainly nature does not favor cruelty in the treatment of live stock. On the contrary, it metes out firm and positive punishment.

Those who mistreat cattle, sheep or hogs pay a heavy price. Unless animals are properly fed and cared for they fail to reach the weight and quality of which they are capable, and this mistreatment is reflected in low prices and reduced volume. Or, if the animals, while moving about on the farm or in transit, are overcrowded, prodded or whipped to a point where bruises result, their market value suffers. Careful calculations by men who study such matters indicate that cuts and bruises inflicted upon live stock annually represent a loss of some $50,000,000 — perhaps more.

Owners of live stock who are responsible for cuts and bruises may think someone else takes the loss — but they are largely mistaken. Packers have to reflect such losses in the prices they offer for live stock, so the producer ultimately pays the bill.

Nature may be pretty tough in applying its "Survival of the Fittest" law, but it certainly punishes cruelty against its living creatures.

G. A. CASTWOOD, *President*, Armour & Company

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held November 20, 1946. An important item on the agenda was the advisability of changing our name from the Eastern States Livestock Loss Prevention Association to the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association since the latter would more definitely establish our activities in a given area.

A report was made by Earl E. Wentzel, Field Representative, outlining his activities since taking up his duties July 1, 1946. His first assignment came with the showing of our exhibit at the Skowhegan, Maine Fair. Upon his return he was given the responsibility of covering the inspection work at the stockyards in Boston with the objective not only of relieving the immediate suffering of sick and injured animals upon arrival, but with a view toward spreading the theory of loss prevention wherever the opportunity offered. Through the coöperation of shippers and the railroads we have been able to have two faulty live stock car partitions repaired and protruding spikes removed from the interior of two live stock cars. His routine work has included warnings against the use of dangerous instruments in driving live stock (in one case an iron bar, and in another a pitchfork), advice about proper and adequate bedding when live stock arrives on bare truck floors, and suggestions for repairs or replacement of broken cleats on truck loading ramps. In most cases the vio-

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LIVESTOCK LOSS PREVENTION

laters admit their laxity, which indicates that we must intensify our educational program so that they will realize the value to themselves and their business of being loss-prevention minded.

The principal speaker was Mr. Alfred E. Detjen, Special Agent of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board. Mr. Detjen, who for the past year has been making a detailed survey of truck and rail receipts at mid-west markets, gave a report of his findings. Of particular interest were his methods of promoting improved handling where he found it lax.

Mr. Detjen made a comprehensive report of conditions existing throughout the New England states, having made a three-day tour with Mr. Wentzel. While he found conditions not of the best, he did not think they were too drastically poor. He made several fine recommendations which we hope to put into effect in the not too distant future.

Mr. Detjen brought with him a scale model of a semi-trailer live-

Milwaukee Sentinal Photo

Alfred Detjen demonstrates his semi-trailer livestock rack

stock rack fitted with a double deck that is operated by means of a hydraulic lift. With this new adaptation of an already proven principle, he is endeavoring to show how truck opertors can save time and consequently money as well as prevent a large number of bruises, especially in the handling of hogs when they must be driven up onto a double deck in loading and down from the same double deck in unloading. The double deck with the hydraulic lift is not in production yet, but it is already on the drafting boards of one of the large hydraulic lift producers. This is another example of how abuse can be eliminated by showing the business man that he can save time and money as well as meat by using improved methods of handling livestock.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected for the year 1947;

President
Lester T. Tompkins

First Vice-President
Alfred W. Lombard

Second Vice-President
James G. Watson

Secretary-Treasurer
Marjorie L. Wyman

To those representatives of coöperating units who have given so generously of their time, effort and experience to the furtherance of this project, the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association extends sincere appreciation.

IT'S THE LAW!

YOUR DOG *must* be licensed before April 1 of each year, after three months of age. In Boston at police stations; in outlying districts at City or Town Clerk's office.

Fees

Male	$2.00
Female	5.00
Female (spayed)	2.00

Owners who refuse to buy a license are no less violators of a LAW than the person who attempts to drive a car without a license.

A license tag on your dog, besides making you a law-abiding citizen, is the dog's *only* assurance that he will be returned when lost.

The League has committed itself to the goal of making Greater Boston one of the BEST GOVERNED in the enforcement and observance of the Dog Licensing Law. In this we need your help, so do not delay in getting a license for YOUR DOG.

Boston Traveler Photo

{Left} Susan Wentzel, daughter of Earl Wentzel, Field Representative of the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association, helps to swell the fund at our Annual Fair.

{Right} Trina Barnett being told a story by Mother Goose {Elisabeth Chollar} at the Grab Bag Table at our Annual Fair.

Boston American Photo

OUR ANNUAL FAIR

THE 44th Annual Fair with all of its colorful atmosphere has come to a successful conclusion. Once again we may acclaim that through the coöperative efforts of the League's many friends the Fair will make its normal contribution toward animal protective work. The net results are very gratifying. The efforts of each and every worker are sincerely appreciated and a grateful "thank you" is extended to all who supported this project financially and morally.

New ideas are already crystallizing for the FAIR of 1947 and the Fair Committee will be glad to hear from you if you have any suggestions to offer. It is not too early even now to send contributions for this year's Fair. Acceptable articles are Linens and Household Supplies, Antiques, Bric-a-brac, Aprons, Towels, Dusters, Holders, Rugs and Quilts, Toys and Baby Things, Fancy Baskets, Handkerchiefs, Recent Books and Gifts for the Christmas Season. *We will call for articles.* Just telephone Miss Phillips, our Fair Manager, Hancock 9170, and she will send someone to your home provided it is within the area covered by our Collection Service.

START NOW! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER! WE WANT THE 1947 FAIR TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS!

ANNUAL MEETING

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Franklin Park Zoo, as well as the many friends and supporters who make possible its continuance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the year 1947:

President — Walter J. Dethloff
1st Vice-President — Roger Ernst
Treasurer — Robert Baldwin
Asst. Treasurer — H. Clifford Boshan
Secretary — Miss Helen Leighton
Asst. Secretary — Miss Mary E. Boutelle

A complete list of the Vice-Presidents and Directors elected appears on page 44.

Boston Record-Photo

John Gorrell and Charles J. McGee, both of Charleston, Mass., who rescued a dog on Boston Common from a group of children abusing it, are being presented the Alice N. Lincoln Medal for Kindness at our Annual Meeting.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

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horse (all of them of the unbroken western range type) refused to be haltered, requiring the patience and adept handling of the stock men. Except for an occasional "milling" of the horses at the foot of the loading ramp, all of them moved into the cars without the necessity of any abusive measures.

The United States Bureau of Animal Industry inspector was present during the loading procedure and screened out only one brown horse due to perceptible lameness. Horses that are screened, either because of shipping fever or lameness, are held in "sick bay" under the supervision of a veterinarian of the B.A.I. staff, treated and released when the horses have fully recovered.

The balance of the carloads of horses were loaded to the S.S. *Henry Dearborn* on the forward decks. It was particularly pleasing to note the handling of the horses here on chutes extending from the car door to the boat. Except for small prods the men handled the horses with the halter rope to their respective stalls without any apparent abuse or difficulty. On the boat each horse has a clean, disinfected pail for drinking water. Strong partitions divide the horses in groups of four. Every twenty-two horses have a man in charge of feeding, watering and cleaning of stalls. Two veterinarians of the UNRRA accompany the animals to their final destination.

Recommendations

It is our opinion that the complaints regarding the abuse of horses with long poles are true, regardless of our own observations, and we made the following recommendations:

1. At no time is it necessary or permissible to use long poles with sharp points. (We confiscated such a pole having a sharp edge, capable of inflicting flesh wounds.) All prods should be of light weight, blunt ends, and used with the same caution as they were the day of our inspection.

2. The use of a quiet cow pony (saddle horse) by a man with an understanding of horses would make the use of poles almost unnecessary.

3. We condemn the practice of filling only the front side of hay racks under any circumstances. We recommend that they should be packed with hay to allow all horses to be fed adequately.

4. We believe that not more than 35 horses (average weight of 1,000 lbs.) should be confined in shed pens over periods extending beyond 24 hours, or 350 horses representing total capacity. It was admitted that 400 to 500 horses were kept in shed pens.

5. The loading ramps should be kept free of dirt, manure, or other debris so that cleats are exposed for good footing. All worn cleats should be replaced.

6. Any employee handling the horses abusively should be dismissed.

7. Finally, we recommend that the three humane societies having jurisdiction in Maine should agree on the appointment of one qualified person who should regularly inspect the handling of horses. The handler has shown a willingness to coöperate, but failing to do so the humane agent should have sufficient authority to prosecute malicious offenders violating the Maine State Laws to prevent cruelty.

With the discontinuance of UNRRA it is our hope that not so many animals will be shipped to foreign countries.

Our Horses' Christmas Appeal

HORSES STILL NEED HELP . . . . . .

It is not "How many horses are there in this age of motor vehicles?" The question is, "Are there horses in our everyday life that still need our PROTECTION?"

The answer is emphatically YES, and as proof of this statement you need only to read of the many times in the course of one year that this department is called upon to relieve the sufferings of or to humanely destroy horses that have reached the age of disuse.

With fewer horse owners trained in the proper care, feeding, grooming and shoeing of these creatures, it is even more important that they have regular humane supervision.

Commercial riding academy horses also need constant surveillance by our agents.

Only an animal welfare agency, such as the Animal Rescue League of Boston, can render this service.

HORSES STILL NEED HELP . . . . . .

Results from the appeal were most gratifying — $2,811.81 received to date, but this does not nearly cover the cost of regular inspection of stables, riding academies, horse racing parks, peddlers' horses, etc.

We wish, however, to express sincere appreciation for the generous response.

If YOU have not sent a check for this function of the League, will you not do so in order that we may continue to serve our equine friends?

Change of Address

Please report change of address immediately. Be sure to send your old as well as your new address. Copies of *Our Fourfooted Friends* will not be forwarded unless extra postage is sent to the Post Office. Avoid such expense and make certain of getting YOUR copy promptly.

UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

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one hundred monkeys which had died enroute and been tossed from their cages.

Before anything could be done there was a great deal of delay due to difficulty in locating both the steamship official, who could give permission for removal of the shipment, and the Government agent representing the Bureau of Animal Industry. This was caused by the fact it was a Holiday and the latter agent had to be brought from Swampscott.

Finally, when this obstacle was surmounted, Mr. MacDonald immediately arranged for a large closed van to transport the elephants to the Boston Garden Annex. The elephant that was down on the deck was given treatment before it was removed. At the Garden, Mr. MacDonald noticed that a drafty condition existed whenever the large ramp door was open, so he had two huge canvases strung up on the front and sides of the elephants so that no wind could strike them. Then he went to work on the animals. They were given external and internal treatment, hours of rubbing with liniment and supplied with the best of hay, grain, shorts, bread, ginger and salt and warmed drinking water. On Thursday morning two elephants were recovered from their shaking and all smaller sick animals improved. On Friday, the third and largest elephant (which had been trembling continuously as the aftermath of enteritis, which all three had) was back to normal. Saturday morning these elephants were shipped overland in a warm closed van to New York, rested there, and then were to proceed to their various destinations — one to Mississippi, one to New Orleans and the third to Los Angeles.

This record of cruel negligence should stir every humane organization in the world to immediate action to prevent repetition. Here is what Mr. Harkins had to say of the incident:

"I have never witnessed anything so heart-rending or so depressing, and I have seen lots of tough situations. No shelter except that one ragged old tarpaulin; no protection from the wind. It could not have been any worse if it had been deliberately planned cruelty. There was only one man, a Mahout, to care for five elephants. The poor man was worked to death, but was very faithful. We were told that the elephants' pitiful groans echoed all through every night because of the cold. A previous ship had two men to four elephants and three animals arrived alive. The hold where the monkeys and leopard were confined had no light at all. It was dark, damp, littered with old lumber and dead monkeys lying around. It was a scene of awful misery and suffering and another day would have found all the elephants dead. There was no provision made for proper care — it was almost criminal negligence! I do not know what could have been done if it had not been for the Animal Rescue League's valuable aid, and Mr. MacDonald deserves a gold medal for his work. These cases of neglect must be stopped at the Port of Embarkation. Shipments must be supervised to see that they are adequately protected according to law against weather and supplied with not only sufficient, but *decent* food. One shipment had only mouldy rice left for feeding the elephants. Never had elephants lived through more suffering than those on the Red Rover."

Mr. Walter Dethloff, President of the League, says: "It is our intention to sponsor a move whereby Steamship Companies will be required through a central authority to adopt uniform regulations and facilities, including feeding formulas, for the ocean travel of jungle animals and birds to zoos and elsewhere in America. No time or effort will be spared by the League to prevent another similar tragedy."

In this connection, Mr. Dethloff contacted Mr. Christian P. Norgord, Washington Representative of The American Humane Association and the following reply has been received:

"I think I have a fair solution to the wildlife protection problem. I am working out an amendment to the Lacy Laws protecting animal life. This will penalize any master of a ship that comes within the three-mile limit, or enters any harbor with a cargo of animals that are cruelly or inhumanely treated in any way. The penalty will probably run to $1,000 or six months in jail if we can apply the regular Lacy Law penalty. It will apply to foreign as well as United States ships since all offenses on United States territory are subject to United States laws. The Custom Officials will enforce it as they do any violation of United States laws. They can arrest violators and turn them over to the United States Attorney General for prosecution. Since there are Custom Officials that must board and thoroughly examine every vessel and person thereon no vessel can escape examination. I am having the legal head of the Customs Bureau draw up the measure."

We want to compliment Mr. Norgord on his progress because we feel that such an amendment to the Lacy Laws offers a possibility for correcting abuses in the shipping of animals from foreign countries to the United States. A Federal Statute is necessary, for to prosecute under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is impossible because of technicalities involving foreign agencies and the absence of International Law to cover these violations. OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS will keep you informed of latest developments.

Boston Post Photo

The three surviving elephants with their faithful Mahout

All Around
News *and* Hi-Lites

The Yearling, "Best Film of 1946," so votes Richard C. Craven, Western Regional Director of The American Humane Association. All scenes involving animals in this picture were made under the supervision and with the cooperation of The American Humane Association. It is magnificent!

Boston Work Horse Relief Group gave aid to 5,488 animals in 1946, 23 of which were horses. Officers for the coming year were elected, including M. W. W. Prowse, President; Horton W. Reed, Miss Harriet G. Bird and George S. West, Vice-Presidents; Augustus Hemenway, Treasurer and James T. Gilligan, Secretary.

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A., announces its PHOTO CONTEST for 1947, which will end June 15th. Cash prizes amounting to $95 and ten additional prizes of subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals* are offered. For full details write to Contest Editor, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston 15, Mass.

Dr. W. A. Young, Managing Director of The Anti-Cruelty Society, Chicago, presented The American Humane Association's gold medal to "Fawn," the Seeing Eye dog who led his mistress, Miss Anita Blair, to safety during the LaSalle Hotel fire last summer.

As part of the 1946 National Dog Week Observance, the Gaines Dog Food Company conducted a search for the oldest canine. He was found in the 25½-year-old crossbred male owned by Mrs. E. C. Baynard of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Veterinarian L. H. Hicks, who has cared for the dog most of his life, said the animal would be dead but for the exceptional care Mrs. Baynard has given him.

Our President, Walther J. Dethloff, was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Humane Society the afternoon of January 29th, and will visit the Norfolk County Agricultural School on February 25th to talk on better care and treatment of livestock with the hundreds of future farmers who attend that school.

The San Francisco S. P. C. A. Newsletter informs us that they have started a drive for funds for a new hospital to be known as the William S. Hart Memorial Animal Hospital. We wish them all kinds of success!

Marjorie L. Wyman, Assistant Editor of *Our Fourfooted Friends* and Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association, has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, Chicago, Illinois. Miss Wyman is deserving of this honor for the time and effort she has put into the furtherance of education in the conservation of our food animals.

DON'T FORGET! Your Dog MUST be licensed on or before April 1, 1947. See page 27. IT'S THE LAW!

GRIEF STRICKEN BOY IN PLEA TO HALT CARS FROM KILLING PETS

(From the *Boston Evening American*)

Walter McCann, Minot St., Dorchester, lost his friend the other day without even a chance to say "so long" to him.

His pal "Rusty," a five-months-old Spitz puppy, used to garnish his little master's face with wet kisses until an auto suddenly cut short his life. In a letter to the *Boston Evening American*, Walter said:

"To the drivers: I am a boy 10 years old. I had a pal whose name was Rusty. He was a dog. He was 5 months old. He was the best pal a boy or girl could have. I loved him very much. I miss Rusty. He was killed by an auto. I still love him and always will. So, drivers, please be careful and you won't break anybody's heart like it broke mine."

Walter's little but loyal heart has room for a puppy to take Rusty's place, and the chances are the substitute couldn't wish for a better home or master.

An Appeal to Motorists

There's a curve in the road, and you never know —
Slow, O Traveller, slow, go slow!
There are furry children beside the way;
Hearken now and you'll hear them say:
"The gentlefolk are the ones that swerve
From furry folk on forest curve."

(from *Animals' Friend*)

HAVE YOU ANY OLD BLANKETS?

The League has practical use for old blankets or pieces of blankets. They are especially helpful in the care of young kittens and puppies.

If you have any to spare, it will be appreciated if you will send them to our headquarters, 51 Carver Street, Boston 16, or directly to our animal shelter at 366 Albany Street, Boston 18. Or, if this is not convenient, we shall gladly call at your home, provided it is within our collection service area (see page 44) — call Mrs. Groezinger, HANcock 9170.

You may be sure that your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Combined Record of Animals for the Year Ended January 31, 1947

	Dogs	*Cats*	*Horses and Mules*	*Cattle*	*Sheep and Swine*	*Poultry and Birds*	*Misc.*	*Total*
Collected by Agents	8,179	39,289				236	149	47,853
Delivered by Owners	3,323	5,131				93	40	8,587
Investigation Department	2,343	130	874*	659	49	18,153	563	22,771
Clinic	9,906	2,736					390	13,032
**Chelsea Branch	9	181						190
Lynn Branch	1,693	8,934					94	10,721
Northampton Street	257	1,485				16	2	1,760
**North Bennet Street	2	45						47
Pine Ridge Branch	185	497	2			2	7	693
**Roxbury Branch	5	206						211
Cape Cod Branches								
Eastham	102	588					3	693
North Harwich	164	569	11				12	756
Quarantine Department	2,023	69					2	2,094
TOTAL	28,191	59,860	887	659	49	18,500	1,262	109,408

Investigations, 2,468 *Horses destroyed, 98 **Closed as of April 1, 1946

To Members, Subscribers *and* Donors

The response to our last appeal in November for the renewal of memberships and subscriptions has been sufficient to justify the sending of this issue of Our Fourfooted Friends to everyone on our mailing list.

If, however, you are among those who have not renewed your membership on the anniversary date of your last payment, we shall appreciate your doing so now. Just clip the coupon below and mail it WITHOUT DELAY.

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Income

Memberships	$ 3,752.25	
Donations and Fees	30,719.38	
Annual Fair	7,726.49	
Clinic	3,935.69	
Quarantine Dogs	2,179.14	
Income from Investments	71,442.29	
TOTAL INCOME		$119,755.24

Expenses

Salaries	$80,864.99	
Extra Labor	5,297.31	
Pensions	261.67	
Provisions	1,793.44	
Light and Power	1,083.45	
Steam Purchased	1,072.03	
Repairs, Water and Insurance	6,703.36	
Advertising, Office Supplies	4,872.27	
Telephone Service	2,808.34	
Humane Education	1,806.51	
Our Fourfooted Friends	5,317.47	
Albany Street Shelter	1,342.47	
Travel	670.54	
Agency Service	2,952.43	
Sundries	5,630.37	
Branches	6,368.25	
Motor Car Expense less fees from the City of Boston	4,579.86	
New Equipment	426.14	
TOTAL EXPENSE		$133,850.90
The excess of expenses over income for the current year paid from the General Fund		$14,095.66

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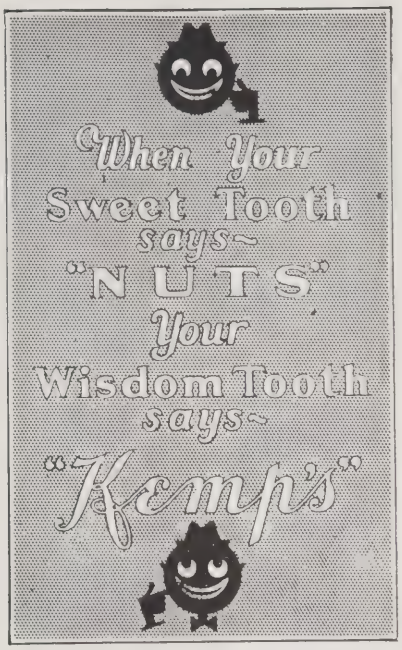

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